

**WATER COMMITTEE**  
**JULY 27, 2005**  
**MINUTES**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**                      **Chuck Watkins, Chairman**  
   **Dr. George Patton, Vice Chairman**  
   **Tony Parrott**  
   **Chris Venice**

**NON-VOTING MEMBERS:**              **Bill McNally**  
**STAFF PRESENT:**                      **David Jaeger**  
**ABSENT:**                                  **Jim Mallett**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Chuck Watkins at 8:00 A.M.

**I.        APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE MEETING ON JULY 13, 2005.**

Vice Chairman Dr. George Patton made the motion and Tony Parrott seconded, to approve the minutes from the meeting on July 13, 2005. There was no opposition.

**II.       LAKE HORTON PARKING.**

\_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Parrott reported that the Marshal's have issued 88 citations since we started collecting parking fees. He has not been able to determine the price of the fines that were charged. There has not been a count of the envelopes that were short any money. This past week, there were two. One had a dollar in it, the other had \$5.00.

Mr. Parrott discussed installing a pay station that would give change. This would solve some problems, because people don't always have change when they get to the lake. The pay station would give a parking sticker that is date stamped. This would make it easier on the Marshal's office in determining if it is the correct day. It would cost several thousand dollars to install the machine, but we have already collected \$12,000.00 for parking fees.

Vice Chairman Dr. George Patton made a motion to recommend to the Board of Commissioners to go forward with installing a pay station that could give change. Mr. Parrott seconded for discussion. Chairman Watkins clarified the motion to be that this issue be researched and come back to the committee with the cost and type of machine. There was no opposition.

Mr. Parrott presented a copy of a map showing the Lake Horton park. Areas to be reopened to fishing and replanted were labeled. The committee discussed that once the McCalla tract has been surveyed, a new map will be presented. There was also discussion about security issues around the pump station.

**III.      WATER BILL INSERT FOR RECYCLING.**

\_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Parrott commented that he would like to get approval from the Committee to

include an insert in the water bills about recycling that the County has available. The newspaper, magazine, and plastic bottle recycling containers at McCurry Park and Kiwanis will be relocated to a better location. That location has not been determined at this time. A concrete slab is being poured at McCurry Park, and some parking spaces at the Soccer Field are being freed up. Mulch is available at McCurry Park. We need to make the public aware that it is free, and your truck can be loaded at the County transfer station on Saturday.

Mr. Parrott made a motion to recommend to the Board of Commissioners to include an insert in the water bills about recycling that is available in Fayette County. Chris Venice seconded and there was no opposition.

#### WATER BILL INSERT FOR WATER CONSERVATION RATES.

Mr. Parrott stated that the Board of Commissioners approved the water conservation rate and we need to place an insert in the water bills to notify the customers of the change. The insert needs to start August 1, 2005. He asked the committee to review the draft copy of the insert and give any suggestions, or changes. The average water customer uses less than 9,000 gallons. The rate affects those using over 20,000. The committee discussed the insert and made a few suggestions.

#### IV. LAKE PEACHTREE DAM AND SPILLWAY.

Mr. Parrott reported that a section of the downstream armoring fell off during Hurricane Dennis and needs to be moved back in place. The lake will have to be let down a little to do the repairs. On the other side of the dam and spillway a place in the poured concrete needs some grouting done.

David Jaeger explained that there are two ways to approach this. With the county having an annual waterline contract with Shockley Plumbing it could be repaired on a manpower and equipment per hour basis, plus the material cost. In this instance, it would be useful. This is not a normal construction project that has well defined scope. It is the type of project that has to be figured out as the contractor works. The goal is to replace the panel of concrete that has slipped off the slope and put it back in a way that will be secure in the future. He could do a lot of engineering work to try to design a different system than what was there, but he thinks what was there functioned fine. It is just a matter of putting it back and securing it. On the other side of the creek channel there would probably need to be some pumped concrete, and pressure grouting to fill the voids in the concrete armoring on the other side. It is not a panel, just a concrete armored slope. If Mr. Shockley is open to this type of work, it would be a way to approach it without a lot of problems. If it needs to go into a full blown design and bid situation, he guesses the engineering cost is going to be in the neighborhood of 50% of the construction cost. He stated that might not be money well spent, when we could go in and put it back without a lot of design effort.

Chairman Watkins asked for Mr. Jaeger's opinion on why this failed. Mr Jaeger replied that during the storming of Hurricane Dennis, the flow out of the spillway was at its highest. There was also an area behind the panel where water appeared to be running down the back side. There is a panel that remains in place that has a fairly secure amount of soil material on its base that supports it. Whatever was supporting the panel that slipped is now gone. Turbulence during the storm eroded any soil that supported it. There was not anything left to keep the panel in place and it slid off the slope. That would have to be rectified in the repair, but the panel itself is in good condition. It did not break apart. It needs to be lifted back up with a piece of heavy equipment, either put some dowels into the rock that is at the base of it, or drive something into the ground that would provide a foundation that would support against that slope. He does not think there is a large amount of time to get this done.

Mr. Jaeger stated that he would like the opportunity to take Shockley Plumbing out to look at it, discuss it with him and make sure that it is something he feels that can be put back without it being a problem in the future.

The committee discussed whether this work falls within the scope of the contract with Shockley Plumbing. The committee agreed that this type work is covered in the contract and that they would like to see this fixed as soon as possible. This dam was built in 1965. The committee agreed that Mr. Jaeger, Mr. Parrott and Mr. Shockley should meet, review the site, and report back.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Attorney McNally requested executive session for discussion of one legal item. Mr. Parrott made a motion to adjourn to executive session for discussion of one legal item. Chris Venice seconded and the committee adjourned to executive session.

Mr. McNally discussed one legal item with the committee. No action was taken.

There being no further business, Chairman Chuck Watkins adjourned the meeting at 9:20 A.M.

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Chuck Watkins

The foregoing minutes were approved at the regular Water Committee meeting on the 10th day of August, 2005.

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Lisa McElwaney